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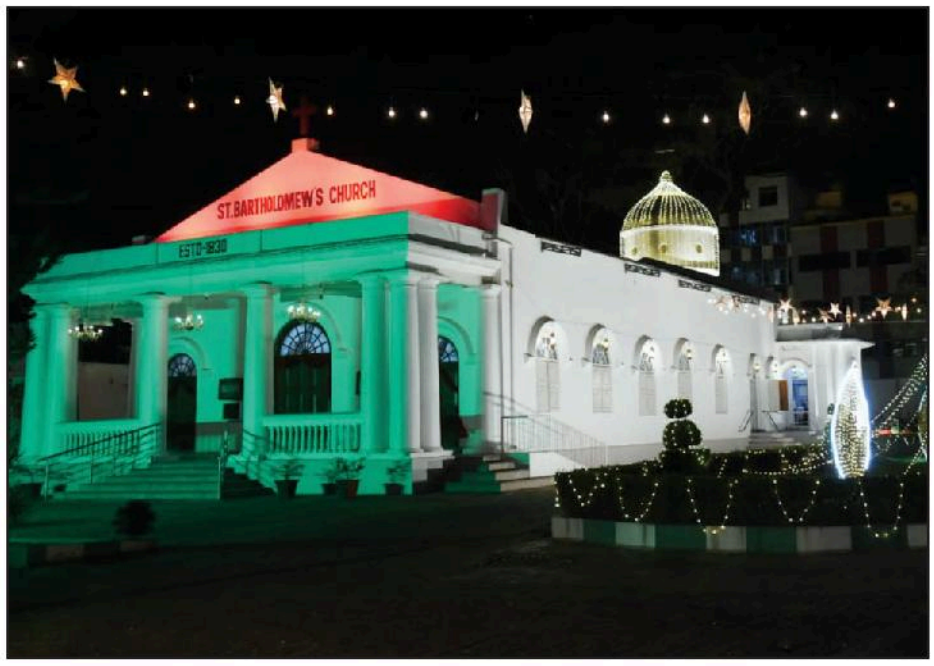
Merry Christmas
This Christmas, our team comes together to wish you peace, happiness, and all the love the season has to offer.

City Churches decked up for X-mas tomorrow



The illuminated St. Philomena's Church (left) at Lashkar Mohalla and St. Bartholomew's Church, adjacent to Sub-Urban Bus Stand in Mysuru.

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (RK&KS)- The festive atmosphere has descended on city with Christian community members busy in shopping, decorating houses and Churches to celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, tomorrow.

City's major Churches are illuminated and preparing for the biggest festival by conducting special programmes and prayers tonight and tomorrow. Priests are also ready for the celebrations as the festival marks the season of joy, sharing, caring and spreading love. St. Philomena's Church, the tallest Church in city and St. Bartholomew's Church, the oldest Church are the centre of attraction drawing devotees and visitors in large numbers. Wesley Cathedral, Hardwicke Church at Lakshmipuram, Yesu Karunalaya at Karunapura, Sawday Memorial Church at Tilaknagar, Infant Jesus Church on Hunsur Road, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church at Srirampura and Pushpashrama in R.S. Naidu Nagar among other Churches in city are also in a celebratory mood.

St. Philomena's Church: As part of the celebrations, a huge rangoli — 80x40 ft. (4,160 sq. ft.) — of Jesus Christ drawn by artists Puneeth, Lakshmichandan, Samprith Chandan, Aditya, Raghavendra R. Aralikatti, Puneeth Rayanna and team on the right side of the Church's entrance is the major attraction this year. Also, a crib has been set up along with a tastefully decorated Christmas.

Today, the midnight mass will commence at 11.30 pm during which the idol of Infant Jesus will be brought in a procession and placed inside the crib by Apostolic Administrator Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, who will lead the midnight mass. Tomorrow, the Christmas mass in various languages will begin from 8.30 am. Over 6,000 people including devotees and tourists are expected to visit this Church.

The new entrance gate of St. Philomena's Church is being readied and tiles are being laid. These works are expected to be completed in about three days.

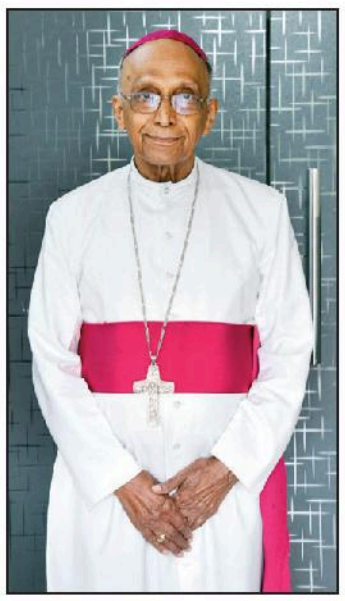
St. Bartholomew's Church: This oldest Church near Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city is also ready to greet the people on the festive day.

(See X-MAS on page 7)

Christmas Message by Archbishop Emeritus

As the joyous Christmas season unfolds, we are reminded of the beauty of togetherness, the strength of community and the power of hope. At this special time of year, we want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Christmas is a season of joy and peace. It's the sparkle of lights that brighten our streets, the laughter shared with loved ones and the joy found in giving, not just gifts but also our time, care and kindness. It's a season that calls us to reflect on life's blessings, to celebrate the bonds we share and to carry the spirit of generosity and goodwill into the year ahead.



This festive season offers a chance to pause amidst the busyness of life, to cherish the moments that truly matter and to reconnect with what brings us joy. Whether it's the delight of a child opening a gift, the warmth of a proximity of a loved one or the quiet comfort of a peaceful evening, Christmas invites us to savour the simple yet profound joys of life.

Christmas is not just a historical event; it is much more than that. It is the expression of God's love for humanity. Christmas is not a feast celebrated by Christians alone.

Almost all the people of the world celebrate Christmas in their own way. Let this Holy season remind us of the importance of unity, compassion and the power of a kind word or gesture. In a world that sometimes feels divided, Christmas reminds us that the things that unite us — love, hope and humanity — are far greater than the things that separate us. Let us continue to support one another, celebrate each other's successes and face the future together.

We wish and pray that your Christmas be filled with real joy and may Jesus Christ whose birthday we celebrate enrich us all with his countless blessings.

Merry Christmas one and all! And a blessed New Year to all.

—Archbishop Emeritus
Bernard Moras,
Apostolic Administrator,
Diocese of Mysore

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 24th December 2024

'Law Guide' editor felicitated

Mysuru, Dec.24 (DM)- Senior advocate and 'Law Guide' Editor H.N. Venkatesh, who is also a District Rajyotsava award recipient, was felicitated by Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Judicial Employees Credit Co-operative Society at a programme organised at the Society Office in the District Law Courts Complex here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Society President Sheshadri recalled the help extended by Venkatesh to the Society.

Venkatesh, who also spoke, said that he has been helping the Society to the extent possible. He said that the Society must construct its own building on a CA site, which would be helpful to the family of the Society members.

Society's former Presidents Devaraje Gowda and Sritulasi too spoke.

Society members Kiran, Balasubramanya, Parashivamurthy, Umadevi, Puttaraju, Nagendra, Purushotham, Murthy, Udayakumar and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ROSES IN DECEMBER: ***Recently, I watched a documentary titled,*** *Tell me who I am.* ***It was about a pair of twins, one of whom meets with an accident and loses his memory altogether. It is left to his twin brother to reinstall all that he had lost. He does this willingly, but leaves out certain unpleasant incidents, hoping to save his brother great sorrow. It does not work this way though. The brother senses that he was hiding something important. Finally, they sit together, talk their hearts out, leaving nothing unsaid. The ghosts of the past are finally laid to rest.***

For me, this was a reminder that we humans are only collections of our individual pasts. Understanding who we are depends on paying attention to our history. However, while the past provides us with stability, it can also prevent us from adapting to new circumstances. Our past experiences shape our thinking, but brooding over past traumas benefits no one. They promote negativity and encourage us to regard the world as inimical. Sooner than later, this proves true for no one wants to associate with a person who is suspicious and critical.

If we care to reflect a little, we will realise that it is by our own choice that we allow others control our emotions. The moment we let someone anger us, we have decided to make him or her the object of our attention. We become preoccupied with what was done or said and our ability to pay attention to happier things deserts us. Our power to think creatively is destroyed.

If we want to be free and in charge of our growth, we must decide to learn from the past and ignore influences that hinder us from enjoying the present. Past cruelties can be powerful but consciously taking possession of our history means freeing ourselves from the bondage of the past. There is nothing we can do to change the past, but letting go through deliberate choice makes all the difference between a miserable life and one that is joyous.

Too many of us live half-lives and find only half-joys because we fail to give up the past for a fuller present. Release the unhappy past. By letting go, we are able to "gather roses in December!" *— Leela Ramaswamy in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Archaeologists find creepy floor made of bones

Achterdam: Dutch archaeologists recently came across a creepy, centuries-old floor made of animal bones in an unusual neighbourhood.

The discovery was announced on Dec. 13 by Heritage Alkmaar, an archaeological organisation within the municipality of Alkmaar in North Holland. The floor was found in a 16th century building in Achterdam, a red-light district in Alkmaar.

"[The old floor is] not so remarkable, but what is remarkable is that the tiles are gone in some places and that those places are filled with a floor made of bones," Heritage Alkmaar wrote.

Officials say that all the bones on the floor came from cattle. Before this discovery, floors made of animal bones had only been found in the Dutch cities of Hoorn, Enkhuizen and Edam.

Drone Show's giant house sets world record

Mansfield: A North Texas drone show company broke a Guinness World Record by using 4,981 drones to create the image of a gingerbread house in the sky.

The holiday-themed show by Coppell-based Sky Elements Drone Shows and UVify employed 4,981 drones to create a series of holiday-themed images, including Santa Claus and various snowmen, in the sky over Mansfield.

Guinness World Records confirmed the show set a new record for the largest aerial display of a gingerbread village image displayed by multirotors/drones.

Sky Elements previously set a Guinness World Record earlier this year for largest aerial display of a fictional character formed by drones. The record was broken during San Diego Comic-Con to promote the film Deadpool & Wolverine.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the basics of a good hair care routine?

A good hair care routine can help keep your hair healthy & strong. Wash your hair two to four times a week. Condition your hair to make it manageable use wide toothed comb to detangle. Let your hair air dry instead of using heat tools.

By Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Winners of State-level Taekwondo Championship

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (VNS) - The taekwondo players from Mysuru, taking part in the 7th State-level Taekwondo Championship held at Kanteerava Stadium in Bengluru recently, excelled by winning three gold, three bronze and a silver medal in various categories. H. Yadavi, S. Shri (both U-10 category girls and boys respectively) and H. Samarath (U-18 boys) won gold medals while J. B. Shraddha won silver in U-14 category and V. Harshan (U-12), B.M Bharathi (U-18 girls) and Mourya K. Gowda (U-18 boys) won bronze medals.

The taekwondo players were trained by Eklavya Award winner S. Naveen.

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Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,279.98 feet**	Today's level **2,833.66 feet**
Last year's level **96.88 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.49 feet**	Last year's level **2,830.38 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,279.95 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,833.51 feet**
Today's Inflow **3,018 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,145 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **813 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,825 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **875 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Newborn kittens are blind and deaf until they reach two-to-three weeks of age.*
- *On record, the largest litter of kittens born to a female cat was 19.*
- *Most Siamese kittens are born completely white in colour.*
- *Kittens weigh approximately three to four ounces at birth.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife: You are extremely impolite. All the time I was talking to you, you kept yawning.
Husband: I wasn't yawning. I was trying to say something!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.19
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 106.78
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.19
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.56

VOICE OF THE READER

Make traffic signals across city functional

Sir,

Being a responsible senior citizen of Mysuru, I wish to draw the attention of our City Police Commissioner to the traffic issues plaguing the city. The traffic signals at busy junctions such as V.V. Mohalla, Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar and other circles are not functioning properly. I have observed that many auto drivers and two-wheeler riders blatantly disregard traffic rules, riding as they please without any concern for road safety.

In the absence of functional traffic signals and CCTVs, motorists are driving recklessly in their own styles, causing inconvenience to the public, particularly ambulances that frequently use these main roads.

I urge the authorities to install traffic signals wherever necessary and deploy Police personnel to monitor traffic. This being the year-end month, the vehicular rush is naturally higher, both day and night, compared to other months.

Tourists are flocking to Mysuru to celebrate their year-end programmes. It is imperative that the authorities take immediate precautions to avoid hazardous accidents and ensure smooth and safe travel on our roads.

—Bapu M.L. Narasimha Murthy
Mandi Mohalla
19.12.2024

India's parallel cinema pioneer, Shyam Benegal, dies at 90

Shyam Benegal

Mumbai, Dec. 24 (Agencies)- Shyam Benegal, who heralded the Indian parallel cinema movement in the 1970s and 1980s with a body of work known for its realism and social commentary, breaking away from the conventions of mainstream Indian cinema, passed away at the age of 90 yesterday. He was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Mumbai's Wockhardt Hospital, just days after he turned 90 on Dec. 14.

The legendary filmmaker is survived by wife Nira Benegal and daughter Pia Benegal. His daughter Pia said, "He passed away at 6.38 pm at Wockhardt Hospital Mumbai Central. He had been suffering from chronic kidney disease for several years but it had gotten very bad. That's the reason for his death."

Shyam Benegal, who came from a Karnataka Konkani family, started making films at the age of 12 with a camera gifted by his father, who was a photographer. He made films on diverse issues, documentaries and television serials, including 'Bharat Ek Khoj' and 'Samvidhaan'. His films include 'Bhumika', 'Junoon', 'Mandi', 'Suraj Ka Satvaan Ghoda', 'Mammo' and 'Sardari Begum', most counted as classics in Hindi cinema. His most recent film was the 2023 biographical 'Mujib: The Making of a Nation'.

The 53-episode 'Bharat Ek Khoj,' based on Jawaharlal Nehru's book *Discovery of India*, was an ambitious project that familiarised the audience with India's 5,000-year history, myths and ethos through an engaging narrative. In March 2014, Rajya Sabha TV started telecasting 'Samvidhaan,' a 10-part series directed by Benegal that focused on the making of the Constitution of India.

Benegal was recognised by the Government of India with the *Padma Shri* in 1976 and the *Padma Bhushan* in 1991 for his contributions to Indian cinema.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Modi and others have condoled his death.

International Cricketer Sanju Samson is Walkmate Brand Ambassador

Brand Ambassador Sanju Samson greeted with a bat by Walkmate Footwear Director Roshan Bastian.

Dubai, Dec. 24- Walkmate India Pvt. Ltd., a pioneer in the footwear industry of India, launched its new ad film featuring International Cricketer Sanju Samson on Dec. 17 at Le Méridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre.

"What once started as a regional company, has now expanded its presence into the global market. We are proud to announce that International Cricketer Sanju Samson is the new Brand Ambassador for Walkmate," said Roshan Bastian, Director of Walkmate Footwear.

"Now Walkmate introduces next level of comfort in footwear, featuring Advanced Ergonomic Insole Technology. Designed for superior arch support, efficient weight distribution and enhanced shock absorption. It ensures unmatched comfort with every step, enabling customers to walk with comfort and confidence. Its deep heel cup support provides added stability, making it the perfect companion for any occasion," he added.

Sanju Samson said, he is eager to wear and experience the new footwear launched by Walkmate, designed and produced using Advanced Ergonomic Insole Technology.

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Rule 13(4) Schedule IV

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The within - named Borrower/Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on the below mentioned date.

The Borrower/Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore.** For the amount, interest & charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower and Guarantor	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**1) Sri Fayaz Khan** S/o Anwar Khan **2) Smt. Thameena Siddiqha** W/o Fayaz Khan Door No. 3325/45, Anegundi Road, 2nd Eidgha, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Mandi Mohalla, 2nd Eidgha, C.V. Road, House Door No.3243:A, New No. M-42:A, **Measuring:** East-West: 33.00 Feet and North-South: (20+18)/2 Feet. **Bounded by: East by**: Private Property, **West by**: Galli, **North by:** Property No.3243, **South by**: Road.	**26.09.2024** **NPA DATE 26.08.2023**	**16.12.2024**	**A/c No. HP-8538 Rs.9,13,454/- + With further interest & other charges from 25.09.2024**
2.	**1) Sri Ayub Khan** S/o Late Abdul Reheem Khan **2) Smt. Almas Khanum** W/o Ayub Khan Door No. 22/B, L-22/Bm Rajput Block, 4th Cross, Shivaji road, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, N.R. Mohalla, Rajput Block, 4th Cross, Shivaji Road, Corporation House Door No.22/B, L-22/B, **Measuring:** East-West: 25.00 Feet and North-South: 38.00 Feet. **Bounded by: East by**: Property of Syed Asifulla, **West by**: Conservancy, **North by**: Rajput Block Road, **South by**: Property No.22.	**05.09.2024** **NPA DATE 07.05.2024**	**16.12.2024**	**A/c No. HP-9193 Rs.9,43,478/- + With further interest & other charges from 03.09.2024**
3.	**Sri Syed Irfan Ahmed** S/o Late Ameer Pasha Door No. 3187, Mohammed Sait Block, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Lashkar Mohalla, Buchers Block, Corporation House Door No.3186, New No. L-13, 3186/1, New No.L-13/1, **Measuring:** East-West: 46.00 Feet and North-South: 48.00 Feet. **Bounded by: East by**: Property belongs to Addul Khader, **West by**: Property belongs to Mastan, **North by**: Conservancy, **South by**: Road.	**26.09.2024** **NPA DATE 18.04.2024**	**16.12.2024**	**A/c No. HP-8843 Rs.13,31,901/- + With further interest & other charges from 25.09.2024**
4.	**1) Sri Thousif Ulla Shariff** S/o Gaffar Shariff **2) Smt. Shaziya Banu** D/o Aslam Shariff Door No. 423/1, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Nagara, Udyagiri, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Lashkar Mohalla, Convent Road, House Dorr No.3041, New No.L-81, **Measuring:** East-West: 9.00 Feet and North-South: 32.00 Feet. **Bounded by: East by**: Ameena, Jabeen's House, **West by:** Maqbool Pasha's Property, **North by**: Road, **South by**: Rahman Baig's House.	**26.09.2024** **NPA DATE 01.04.2024**	**16.12.2024**	**A/c No. HP-9263 Rs.8,17,645/- + With further interest & other charges from 25.09.2024**
5.	**1) Smt. Noor Fathima** W/o Shafi Ahmed **2) Sri Shafi Ahmed** S/o Nayaz Ahmed Door No. 2998/3, Five Light Circle, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Lashkar Mohalla, Ahoka 19th West Cross, Corporation House Door No. 2152/1, New No.L-29/1, L-29/2 Eastern Portion. **Measuring:** East-West: 07.75 Feet and North-South: 37.50 Feet. **Bounded by: East by**: Property belongs to Shafi Ahmed, **West by**: Remaining Portion of the Property sold to Fayaz Ahmed, **North by**: Private Property, **South by**: Ashoka West 19th Cross.	**05.09.2024** **NPA DATE 15.07.2023**	**16.12.2024**	**A/c No. HN-333 Rs.11,16,590/- + With further interest & other charges from 03.09.2024**
6.	**Sri Muheeb Pasha** S/o Syed Ayub Ahmed Door No. 2215/1, Sawday Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Lashkar Mohalla, Sawday Road, House Door No.2215/1, L-10/1. **Measuring:** East-West: 11.6 Feet and North-South: 35.00 Feet. **Bounded by: East by**: Khader Vali Makan Galli, **West by:** Syed Yousuff Property, **North by**: Abdul Lathif's Property and Galli, **South by**: Property No.2215.	**26.09.2024** **NPA DATE 12.08.2023**	**16.12.2024**	**A/c No. HP-9017 Rs.20,72,037/- + With further interest & other charges from 25.09.2024**
7.	**1) Smt. Gulzar Anjum** W/o Jabbar Baig **2) Sri Mohammed Danish Baig** S/o Jabbar Baig Door No. 850, 1st Stage, Opposite Nimra Masjid, Devanur Extension, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, N.R. Mohalla, Devanur Extension, 1st Stage, Site bearing No.850. **Measuring:** East-West: 9.00 Mtrs. and North-South: 12.00 Mtrs.. **Bounded by: East by**: Property bearing House No.849, **West by**: Property bearing House No.851, **North by**: Property bearing House No.870 & 871, **South by**: Road.	**26.09.2024** **NPA DATE 08.04.2024**	**16.12.2024**	**A/c No. HP-9269 Rs.29,66,153/- + With further interest & other charges from 25.09.2024**

Date: 23.12.2024
Place: Mysore.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore

NEWS BRIEFS

Cultural contests

On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, Vivekananda Kendra, Mysuru, has organised the following competitions for students and elders: Dec. 25 - Patriotic song Competition; Dec. 26 - Devaranama, folk song and songs related to Swami Vivekananda; Dec. 27 - Essay (Swami Vivekananda and his message), Quiz (related to Bharata and Drawing (Indian Army). The competitions will be held at Vivekananda Kendra, #2830, 1st Main, Jayanagar, Mysuru, at 5 pm. For further details, contact Mob: 94494-88228.

Swati Puja

Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple in the premises of Mysuru Branch of Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt on Kalidasa Road on Dec. 26. The rituals will begin with Sankalpa at 8 am, followed by Abhisheka at 9 am, Alankara at 10.30 am, Mahamangalarathi at 11.30 am, Shattumorai at 12.30 pm and Prasada Distribution at 1 pm, according to Temple Head Vid. K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Murali Iyengar). For details, contact Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271.

Bahuroopi 2025: Entries for Expo

Rangayana will be organising Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at its premises from Jan. 14 to 19, 2025. On the occasion, book expo and handloom and handicrafts exhibition will also be held for which applications have been invited from interested artisans. Preference will be given to those artisans who can give demo of manufacturing their products on the spot. Applications can be collected from Rangayana Office and filled-in forms must be submitted before Dec. 30. Application fee is Rs. 100. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2512639 or Mob: 93414-93458.

Selection for Men's Kho-Kho team

Mysore District Amateur Kho-Kho Association has organised selections for Inter-District Men's Kho-Kho Tournament organised by Haveri District Amateur Kho-Kho Association, on Dec. 29 at 10 am at Hari Vidyalaya School Grounds, CA-2, Railway Layout, Bogadi, in city. The Inter-District Men's Kho-Kho Tournament will be held from Jan. 3 to 5, 2025, at Halageri village in Ranebennur taluk of Haveri district. Interested sports persons must be the natives of Mysuru district and should attend the selection process, along with their original Aadhaar card. Interested may contact Mob: 81230-87678 or 80954-44156 or 98441-54183.

MLC C.T. Ravi abusing Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar

It's a 'closed chapter'

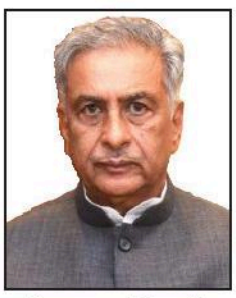
says Council Chairman Horatti

Bengaluru, Dec. 24 (Agencies)- Chairman of State Legislative Council Basavaraj Horatti has termed the case of MLC C.T. Ravi allegedly abusing Minister for Women and Child Development Lakshmi Hebbalkar with derogatory words in the Council, as a 'Closed Chapter.' However, he assured to re-examine the case, if there are more documentary evidences and complaint related to the incident.

Horatti shared his observations on Monday, over the controversy, that is gaining momentum, ever since the incident broke out in the Council on Dec. 19.

Horatti also dismissed the video and audio clips being circulated in the media, where MLC C.T. Ravi was allegedly heard mouthing expletives against Hebbalkar, as fake, as the House doesn't permit anybody to record the visuals. It is only in the case of authentic video and audio clips, we can have a relook into it, by sending them for Forensic Sciences and Laboratory (FSL) for examination, he said.

Horatti said, "I have given a ruling in the matter on Dec.19 itself, after following all the pre-requisite procedure. With the Council being adjourned sine die, law



Basavaraj Horatti

C.T. Ravi

Lakshmi Hebbalkar

forbids Police from interfering in the incidents that occur inside the Council. The Police wanted to conduct spot mahazar, however, we didn't give permission to conduct the inquest, warning the Police to refrain from any such move. If the Police violate the rule, they themselves would land behind bars."

However, Horatti clarified that, a complaint has been lodged in relation to the fallout of the incident, but occurred outside the Council. We won't interfere in that case, he added.

To a question on Karnataka State Commission for Women filing a suo motu case over the contentious matter, Horatti said, the Women's Commission has no power to seek any reply from the Council Chairman. Let them write to me, but there is no binding on me again to reply to the notice. Let them issue the notice to others, said Horatti.

"On the day when the incident occurred and C.T. Ravi was arrested by the Police, I was in constant touch with the Legislator till 1 am, to ensure that he was safe. I had even spoken to the Police Commissioner (of Belagavi) and issued a stern warning, if anything happened to the Legislator. I was tracking the developments till the morning hours and had spoken to the Superintendent of Police (SP) too at about 5 am, before going to bed," said Horatti, who had instructed the Police to take action against those who made a bid to attack the MLC.

Debunking the BJP's charges that, there were plans to encounter Ravi, Horatti said, neither Ravi nor the Leader of Opposition in the Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy had complained to him on these lines.

"When Ravi reached Ankalgi (in Belagavi district), I had even sent some of my friends to enquire about his safety. They visited Ravi and reported me back, about Ravi being treated good by the Police," recalled Horatti.

FIR against 10 including Hebbalkar's close aide

Belagavi, Dec. 24 (Agencies)- Hirebagewadi Police have registered a First Information Report (FIR) against 10 suspects including a close aide of Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar, in the case of MLC C.T. Ravi allegedly using derogatory words against Hebbalkar in the Council recently.

It may be recalled that, following the incident on Dec. 19, high drama was witnessed in the premises of Suvarna Soudha here, when the supporters of Hebbalkar allegedly tried to assault Ravi. Meanwhile, Hirebagewadi Police had also registered a case against Ravi.

On the other hand, Ravi had also lodged a complaint at Khanapur Police Station, which has been transferred to Hirebagewadi Police Station. Upon receiving a copy of the complaint through post, the Police have registered a FIR in the case.

'Won't rest until C.T. Ravi is punished'

Bengaluru, Dec. 24 (KMS&BS)- Minister for Women and Child Development Lakshmi Hebbalkar has vowed not to stop her fight until MLC C.T. Ravi, who allegedly abused her with derogatory words, was punished in the case. She has also clarified that, there is no chance of forgiving him.

Addressing media persons here on Monday, Hebbalkar produced evidence to prove that C.T. Ravi hurled derogatory words at her, at the Legislative Council, after it was adjourned sine die on the concluding day of Winter Session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Dec. 19.

Hebbalkar, who asserted that she would be appealing the Chairman of State Legislative Council and also the CM to take action against the said MLC after probing the case, urged that the Police conduct the enquiry swiftly and make the Forensic Sciences Laboratory (FSL) report public.

"I won't rest till the ugly face of MLC C.T. Ravi is exposed. I have worked hard struggling to reach the position where I am now. I am ready to face 100 such Ravis," said Hebbalkar.

"It was he who used unparliamentary words against me, but is being glorified as a hero, being welcomed with garland across the State. Nobody is aware about the extent of wound he has suffered, but has been taking people for a ride, covering his head with a big bandage. Strangely, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly R. Ashok and MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, who is our community leader, are supporting him," criticised Hebbalkar.

Not afraid over BJP's protest plan: DKS

Bengaluru, Dec. 24 (KMS&BS)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) said, he is still the KPCC President and won't bog down to any of the protests by BJP.

Shivakumar

Speaking to media persons yesterday, Shivakumar said, "I am still alive and not dead. Mahatma Gandhiji, as Congress President, brought freedom to the country. It is all due to the efforts of struggles undertaken by Gandhiji that the country got democratic system, Constitution, National Flag and National Anthem."

"We should preserve and implement the democratic system in a adequate manner. We should remember Gandhiji daily, the reason why the picture of the Mahatma is printed on the currency notes. If BJP intends to protest during the remembrance programme of Gandhiji, we won't be afraid," said DKS.

To the recent comment of Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi that, there was a ploy for fake encounter of MLC C.T. Ravi, Shivakumar said, Home Minister and the Police shall reply to those allegations. The BJP leaders who are vociferously airing their views about MLC Ravi taken on a roundabout tour by the Police, should also question him about the choice of words used against the woman (referring to Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar).

"I won't speak much on this issue now," said Shivakumar, hinting at elaborating further after Dec. 27 event.

Obituary

C. Srinivas

Mysuru, Dec. 24 - C. Srinivas

(54), Head Master of Tumbasoge Government High School in H.D. Kote taluk and a resident of Kukkarahalli, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held yesterday in city.

Ganesh

Nanjangud: Ganesh (54), a

cooking contractor and a resident of Haratale village in the taluk, passed away following illness at the village yesterday night.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place this afternoon.

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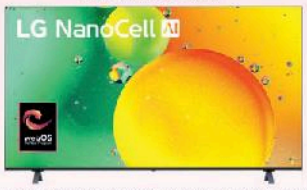

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Do not allow officials to escape disciplinary action: Govt. directs MUDA Commissioner

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (RK&DM)- With the probe into the mega Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) alternative sites allotment scam underway, the State Government has directed the MUDA Commissioner to ensure that all officials and personnel, who have caused huge revenue losses to the Government, do not escape from facing disciplinary action.

As a step in this regard, the Under-Secretary of Urban Development Department K. Latha has asked MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan to provide complete details of officials who had served in the Land Acquisition section, Sites section, Accounts section, Engineering section, Record Room, Sub-Registrars and all other personnel who had served in MUDA right from the time when the official notification for allotment of alternative sites as per 50:50 ratio basis was issued and during allotment of alternative sites, auction of sites, Khata registration etc., within three days.

The Government on Mar.14, 2023 had constituted a Probe Committee headed by the then Director of the Directorate of Municipal Administration to carry out a probe into allotment of bit-of-land and allotment of sites under alternative sites scheme for land-losers, following which IAS Officer Prabhulinga Kavalikatti, who carried out a probe, had submitted a report to the Government on June 24, 2024.

Based on this probe report, the Government has written to the MUDA Commissioner seeking details of former MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar (now under suspension) and other officials and staff as the charges of their involvement in sites allotment scam are found to be *prima facie* true.

The Committee, in its report, had highlighted with supporting documents and other proof that officials who had served in the Land Acquisition section, Sites section, Accounts section, MUDA Zonal Offices, Records Room staff and staff of Sub-Registrar Office in MUDA had *prima facie* been found to be involved

A.N. Raghunandan, MUDA Commissioner

in rampant irregularities.

The report also highlighted in detail the huge revenue loss caused to the Government and the MUDA on account of illegal allotment of sites, issuance of Title Deeds, Khata Registration etc.

In this backdrop, the Urban Development Department Under-Secretary has asked the MUDA Commissioner to give details such as the name of the officials, their date of birth, their designation, the name of the post they held, the name of their parent department (in case they were on deputation to MUDA), the name of the office where they are serving now (in case they are transferred), their residential address (in case they have retired from service etc.) who had served in MUDA when the irregularities and scams took place.

The letter has even sought submission of order letters concerning the appointment of officials and staff to the posts they held in MUDA, the job and the responsibilities they were assigned and an exact estimate on the extent of revenue losses to the Government and MUDA because of irregularities.

This apart, the letter has directed the MUDA Commissioner to ensure that all those officials who have been identified by the Government as being involved in irregularities, must not be allowed to escape from the clutches of the law and as well as the disciplinary action that the Government would initiate if they are found guilty of the charges against them.

It may be mentioned here that barring the suspension of a former MUDA Commissioner, no disciplinary action has been taken as yet against any other MUDA Official or staff, even as the Lokayukta, Justice (Retd.) P.N. Desai Commission and ED probes into the MUDA 50:50 ratio alternative sites allotment scam are underway and the High Court is hearing a petition that has sought transfer of MUDA scam probe to the CBI.

iSteer Technologies conducts two-day Technical Conclave

Mysuru, Dec. 24- iSteer Technologies, an IT Services and Product Company headquartered in Bengaluru, conducted its annual offsite Technical Conclave, iSteer Connect 2024, recently in Mysuru.

The theme for this year's conclave focused on ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) and enhanced Data Protection Regulations which are extremely crucial in the current scenario. Several industries such as manufacturing, construction and FMCG have clear cut regulations on their carbon emissions. However, it is interesting to note research is beginning to catch up on carbon emissions by the IT industry as well.

iSteer, an early adopter of such compliances, is leading the way in its industry and setting a benchmark for others to follow suit and be conscious of its carbon footprint.

The two-day event had 10 teams participating in a challenging Hackathon. iSteer employees from Singapore and Vietnam also attended the technical conclave.

The event had guest speakers such as M.P. Shyamala, an inspiring 65-year-old mountaineer, who was part of the premiere group of all-women Trans Himalayan Expedition comprising women over 50 years of age.

There was also a fireside chat with chief guest Muralidharan Chandrasekaran, an IT professional working with several companies to tackle global warming.

Prof. D. Anand, Senior Professor at University of Mysore, delivered a session on Emotional Intelligence for Social Fitness.

iSteer Technologies was incorporated in Mysuru in 2009 and later moved its operations to Bengaluru. Its CEO & Founder, Umashanker Krishnamaraju, is a global leader in IT integration services and comes from a rich experience working in IT sectors for over two decades in Japan, USA and UK.

iSteer Founding Directors and Leadership team comprising K. Umashanker, CEO & Founder, Jeyaraj Thomas, CTO, Anita U. Raju, Director - HR & Operations, Mohamed Riyaz, Director - iSteer Singapore and Edmund Abreo, Director, were also present during the two-day event.

RTI activist S. Krishna's fund sources questioned

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MTY&TRR)- "People are curious about those backing RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna, who is misleading the public by spreading false allegations against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his wife B.M. Parvathi. However, we are aware of the forces behind him and will soon reveal more details," said Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Spokesperson M. Lakshmana at a press conference held at Congress Bhavan recently.

Lakshmana stated, "There is nothing illegal in CM Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi receiving sites from MUDA. The sites were allotted as compensation for land acquired by MUDA, which was originally gifted to her by her brother B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy. Yet, BJP and Snehamayi Krishna are persistently making baseless claims. Recently, Krishna alleged that two supporters of the CM's wife offered him money and even filed a complaint with the Lokayukta. Let me clarify: Parvathi would never indulge in such acts."

Raising further questions, Lakshmana asked, "Is Krishna genuinely not taking money from anyone? Where is he getting the funds to hire high-profile lawyers for his case against CM and his wife? We know who is financing his stay in a luxury hotel in Bengaluru and are aware of his visits to New Delhi."

Lakshmana welcomed the introduction of a Bill to restructure MUDA along the lines of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).

City Congress President R. Murthy, District Rural President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, leaders M. Shivanna, Hemanth and Mahesh were present.

Site denial: MUDA draws flak from sports achievers

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (MTY&VNS)- The MUDA, already entangled in controversies over illegal site allotments under the 50:50 scheme, is now facing criticism from the general public and sports achievers who have been waiting for years for site allotments.

At a press conference held at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city recently, International Chess Coach A.P. Ajit revealed that MUDA had invited applications from 188 sports achievers in 2023 for sites in Devanur Layout 3rd Stage. Applicants, including Ajit, paid 10 percent of the total site price — Rs. 2.9 lakh for a 60x40 site — 22 months ago, only to be left waiting without any progress.

"Despite multiple visits to MUDA, no official has provided any concrete response other than suggesting I take a refund of the amount paid," Ajit alleged.

Athlete Ravi, another applicant, shared a similar plight. He paid an advance of Rs. 1.6 lakh for a 30x40 site but remains in limbo. Ravi criticised MUDA for allowing applications under the 'H' category from across the State instead of restricting them to Mysuru, leading to 488 applications being filed.

"Of the 488 applications, only 188 were deemed eligible, yet not a single deserving sportsperson has been allotted a site," he said. The delays and lack of transparency have left both sports achievers and the general public disillusioned, further tarnishing MUDA's reputation.

X-mas celebrations tomorrow

A huge rangoli — 80x40 ft. (4,160 sq. ft.) — of Jesus Christ drawn by artists Puneeth, Lakshmichandan, Samprith Chandan, Aditya, Raghavendra R. Aralikatti, Puneeth Rayanna and team on the right side of the entrance of St. Philomena's Church.

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Today, Candle Light Service will be held at 6.30 pm. Tomorrow, there will be two services. The first service will be held at 6 am and the second service starts at 8.30 am. Both the services will conclude with Holy Communion led by Presbyter Pastor Daniel J. Kaundinya.

Daniel J. Kaundinya

In his message, Pastor Daniel said, "The birth of Jesus Christ still universally heralds the message of Peace, Love and the assurance that the Lord being amongst us. The love of God expressed through Jesus Christ calls us to revisit and re-experience the incarnation of our Saviour in a context of cross-cultural anxiety, turmoil, fear, neglect, depravity and uncertainty and to be assured of His healing and comforting presence with us."

"This Christmas, let us celebrate God's gift of joy, peace, fellowship, love, forgiveness, reconciliation, hope and charity personified in Jesus Christ. May this Christmas season see these majestic words imbibed with truth soar high, revealing God's intimate love for His Son and His tender love and mercies for all his creations. I pray that this Christmas we touch the lives of others with love, care, sharing and healing, thus making our celebration meaningful and worthy."

Pulling off woman Cong. leader's veil

Old case spooks fresh trouble for CM Siddu

Mandya District BJP Spokesperson files complaint online with State Women's Commission

Mandya, Dec. 24- Amid the raging controversy over MLC C.T. Ravi allegedly abusing Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar at the Legislative Council recently, a five year old controversy has returned to haunt Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

C.T. Manjunath, Spokesperson of Mandya District BJP Unit, has lodged a complaint online to the Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Women Nagalakshmi Chowdhary, against CM Siddaramaiah, for pulling the chudidar veil of a woman, in his bid to snatch the mike from the latter in Mysuru.

The Women's Commission has lodged a *suo motu* case against MLC C.T. Ravi, but it is not known whether the woman whose veil was allegedly pulled by Siddaramaiah had lodged any complaint with Women's Commission. The woman may have been threatened from doing so. However, the video of that incident had gone viral. The Women's Commission should file a *suo motu* case at the earliest in Siddaramaiah's case too and conduct a inquiry and do justice to the woman, states the complaint.

The woman mentioned here is a Congress leader, who during a public event attended by Siddaramaiah in the year 2019 at Varuna Assembly Constituency represented by his son as MLA (now MLC) Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, had aired her views, only to antagonise Siddaramaiah.

Siddaramaiah, who lost his cool, snatched the mike from her hand, that came off along with her veil, triggering a controversy.

Belavatta Hanumanthu murder case

FIR against over 13 persons including four women

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (KS)- First Information Report (FIR) has been registered against over 13 persons including four women at Metagalli Police Station in the alleged murder of JD(S) leader Hanumanthu on Monday evening. He was brutally murdered on the road when he was proceeding on his bike towards his house in Belavatta.

Hanumanthu

Following a complaint from Hanumanthu's wife, Metagalli Police, who had registered a case, are said to have interrogated a few persons in this regard.

On Sunday evening, Hanumanthu was proceeding on his bike from the Outer Ring Road towards his house, when he was brutally murdered. Two persons on a bike, who were following Hanumanthu, hit his bike on the road leading to Belavatta from the Ring Road and when Hanumanthu fell from the bike, the bike-borne miscreants allegedly slit his throat and had fled from the spot. It is learnt that a dispute over a land had resulted in a fight between Hanumanthu and a few persons last month and it is suspected that the same persons may have murdered Hanumanthu as an act of revenge.

DC, Police Commissioner's words of advice for UoM PG students

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Orientation Programme in city this morning as City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Registrar V.R. Shylaja, Prof. M. Krishnegowda and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec.24 (BLU&TRR)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy inaugurated the Orientation Programme for 1st year Post-Graduate (PG) students of University of Mysore (UoM) at Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri in the city, this morning. Speaking after inaugurating the programme, Lakshmikanth Reddy said, pursuing a PG course is the first independent decision for many of the PG students.

"Work towards becoming independent in all respects, as your decision determines the future. Apart from teaching the syllabus, the post-graduate studies also teaches the way of leading a respectable life. Don't get addicted to anything. Many of you must have come from other places to Mysuru and experience a sense of freedom from the watchful eyes of parents. Don't misuse your freedom by falling prey to any distractions and spoil your life," the DC advised students.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, who was the chief guest said that, this phase of students life is considered as a golden period.

"Your parents have given all the facilities you need including mobile phones. Your professors have created a comfort zone at campus. You are at an important stage in your life, where you can visualise and decide about your future life. Now, you all have better technology at your disposal and internet including ChatGTP, that gives every information you want. Focus on your studies and don't get distracted by other things. Discipline and focus on your future life, are the two requirements at this stage," said Seema Latkar, who advised the students to use social media with discretion.

Director of UoM Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Prof. K.N. Amrutesh welcomed. Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Registrar V.R. Shylaja, writer and columnist Prof. M. Krishnegowda and Administrative Officer of UoM Prof. S.T. Ramachandra were present.

Car driver robbed of Rs. 55,000 cash on Bengaluru-Mysuru Service Road

Mandya, Dec. 24 (KS)- A car driver, who was proceeding on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Service Road, has been robbed of Rs. 55,000 cash near Boodanur in Mandya taluk yesterday night.

The car driver, who was robbed, is Vinod, a jaggery trader and a resident of Guttalu in Mandya. Vinod, who had gone to Maddur for business, was returning to Mandya and when he was proceeding near the canal between Hale Boodanur and Hosa Boodanur, three persons on a bike, who overtook the car, threw eggs on the car's front windshield and threw chilli powder to the eyes of Vinod, forcing him to stop the car.

As soon as Vinod stopped the car, the three miscreants assaulted Vinod and snatched away Rs. 55,000 cash from him and sped away from the spot, it is learnt.

Mandya Rural Police conducted mahazar besides registering a case. As there are no street lights on the Service Road near Boodanur, it has become very difficult for people travelling on this stretch as they become vulnerable to such crimes.

Travellers have urged the NHAI or the local Gram Panchayat to take steps to install street lights on this particular stretch of the Service Road to prevent such incidents from taking place in future.

Niranthara Ranga Utsava from Dec. 25 to 30

Mysuru, Dec. 24 (GA&VNS)- City's Niranthara Foundation, in association with the Kannada and Culture Directorate, Bengaluru, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has organised Niranthra Ranga Ustava-2024, a six-day theatre festival from Dec. 25 to 30 at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road in city.

DECEMBER 25

7 pm: The festival will begin with the one-woman show 'Nirmadala Hoovinondige' by actor Indira Nair (Samathentho). The play is directed by Sripad Bhat.

One-woman show 'Nirmadala Hoovinondige.'

DECEMBER 26

6 pm: Formal inauguration of the Theatre Festival along with Nagari and Tamate recital by Nagari Manju and troupe. Kannada Development Authority Chairman Purushotham Bilimale, Kannada and Culture Department Director Dharanidevi Malagatti and Prasad Kundur of Niranthara Foundation will be present.

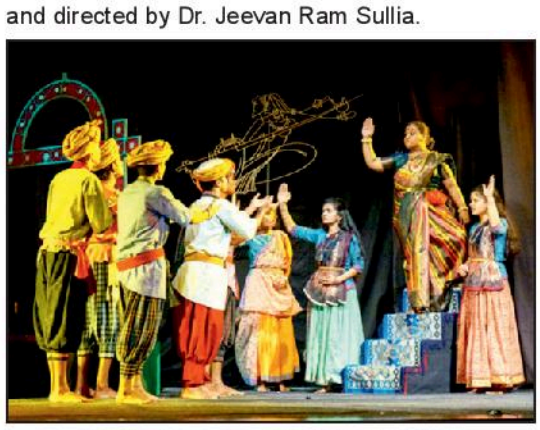
7 pm: Staging of play 'Thindige Banda Tunderaya' by Nirdigantha. The play, based on 'The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui' authored by Bertolt Brecht, is directed by Shakeel Ahmed. Music by Anush Shetty and Munna.

A scene from the play 'Thindige Banda Tunderaya.'

DECEMBER 27

6.30 pm: Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be the chief guest.

7 pm: Staging of play 'Charuvasantha' by Alva's Ranga Adhyayana Kendra, Moodabidri. The play, written by Nadoja Hampana, has been adapted to theatre by Dr. N. Damodara Shetty and is designed and directed by Dr. Jeevan Ram Sullia.



A scene from the play 'Charuvasantha.'

DECEMBER 28

6.30 pm: Senior theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma will be the chief guest.

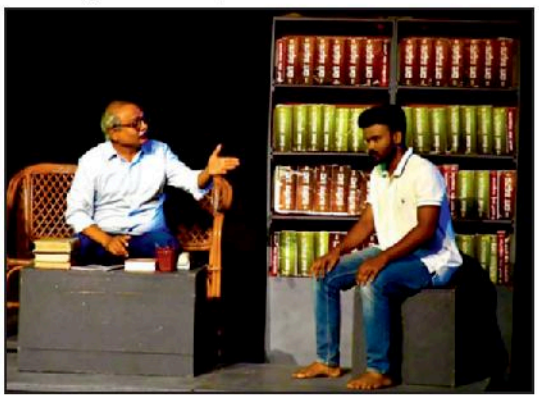
7 pm: Musical Night by Ustad Fayaz Khan. He will be accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla.

Ustad Fayaz Khan

DECEMBER 29

6.30 pm: Retd. IAS Officer K.S. Prabhakar and Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudharshan will be the chief guests.

7 pm: Staging of play 'Rakta Vilapa' by artistes of Samudaya Raichur. The play, written by Dr. Vikram Visaji, is directed by Praveen Reddy Gunjahalli. Music by Insaf Hosapete.



A scene from the play 'Rakta Vilapa.'

DECEMBER 30

6 pm: Valedictory - Veerabhadra Veeraghase Kunita by Kiralu Mahesh and troupe. Stage programme - Noted poet Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah and actor Prakash Raj will be the chief guests. M.M. Suguna of Niranthara Foundation will be present.

7 pm: Staging of play 'Dashanana Swapnasiddhi' by artistes from Team Bhalire Vichithram, Heggodu. The theatrical presentation based on excerpts from Kuvempu's 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam,' is designed and directed by Manju Kodagu. Music by M. Arun Kumar and G.V. Bharath Kumar.

A scene from the play 'Dashanana Swapnasiddhi.'

Niranthara Foundation has been working in the field of theatre for twenty-seven years with a clear social commitment. It has an ever-growing bunch of young minds who have been continuously offering creative and socially useful programmes across Karnataka. Niranthara aims at contributing to building a society based on social values, responsibility and equality. Niranthara was an idea conceived when a group of a few youngsters thought of building a solid team of committed activists, engaged in theatre activities addressing social issues. It was formally established on Sept. 28, 1997.

King of Melodies

Singer Mohammed Rafi

A tribute on his birth centenary

Dr. M.S. Natashekar performing at a musical evening.

Rafi, a legendary versatile singer, who conquered the hearts of millions through his golden, magical, melodious and God's own voice was born on Dec. 24, 1924 in Kotla Sultan Sing of Amritsar, Punjab, India.

He started singing as a small boy deeply inspired by the songs of a wandering fakir of his village. "Pheeko" (Rafi's nickname) from his younger days was obsessed with music.

The ocean of talent in Rafi was recognised by Abdul Hameed (a real mentor), friend of Rafi's elder brother, who was instrumental in motivating the young singer, encouraged and took him to Bombay. But for this gentleman, world would have missed a precious gem.

Rafi, possessing inimitable, incomparable voice, was an institution by himself. Be it a devotional song *(sukh ke sub saathi)*, romantic song *(Tumsa nahin dekha)*, patriotic song *(Jahan daal daal par)*, sad song *(Toote huve khwaboone)*, Qawwali *(Parda hai)*, etc., the singer used to render the song in an impeccable manner.

Hence, one of the music directors of yesteryears has complimented that "Many great singers missed their notes and never seen Rafi making mistakes." Another music director seconded the previous one addressing a group of new music directors that "you are unlucky since you do not have a Mohd. Rafi to record your songs."

Rafi received innumerable number of awards for his songs 'Ye mera Prem Patra padhkar', 'Chaudhavi ka chand ho', 'Teri pyaari pyaari soorat ko', 'kya huwa tera wada' to mention a few and the most prestigious *Padma Shri* Award.

The humble singer believed that his real award was the admiration of the people and would admit that "The universe of Music is so vast, exploring it fully is just impossible in a life time and I am only attempting to know a part of it." No doubt, a real down to earth human being, singer of the millennium, committed to music, is none other than Rafi.

Although Rafi sang his first film number in 'Gul bolach,' a Punjabi film released in 1942, followed by Hindi song from film 'Gaaon ki gori,' it was the 1952 film 'Baiju Bawra' which brought Rafi's popularity to its pinnacle *(o duniya ke rakhwale* song). Rafi has sung in almost all Indian languages and in some foreign languages also.

Rafi used to sing for any occasion flawlessly in songs like 'Nanhe munne bacche teri mutti mein kya hai' for children, 'Garibon ki suno' for poor, 'Aaj mere yaar ki shaadi hai' for marriage function, 'Ehesaan mere dilpe tumahara hai dosto' friendship song, and the list is endless.

'Aasman se aya farista' was not just another film song picturised on Shammi Kapoor (for whom Rafi has lent his voice in 190 songs), in real life also he was a real 'Farista.'

The music directors created composition especially for him. Lyricists believed their words created magic only when sung by Rafi and the heroes found their voice.

We Kannadigas are fortunate to have one song in Kannada 'Neenelli Nadeve Doora.' Tears rolled down from the eyes of the singer in the recording of song 'Babul ki duaayen letija' proving himself the most loving father.

"Jism ko mout aati hai lekin rooh to mout aati nahin hai." Eventhough Rafi is not with us physically, through his sweet voice, he will always be remembered by connoisseurs of music all over the world. "Jaanewale Kabhi nahi aate, Jaanewale ki yaad aathi hai" and Rafi's voice always reverberates in our ears as his song goes on like this 'Tum Mujhe Yun Bhula Na Paoge.'

—Dr. M.S. Natashekar

National Consumer Day today

Status of Consumer Movement in Mysuru

By Bhamy V. Shenoy
Founding President,
Mysore Grahakara
Parishat (MGP)

We often read about interesting judgements from District, State and National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions against banks, insurance companies, real estate firms and online shopping platforms. These judgements create the impression of a vibrant consumer movement at both National and State levels. However, the reality is far from encouraging.

Statistics from the Karnataka State Consumer Redressal Commission's website (as of November 2024) highlight the grim state of consumer protection.

According to the Consumer Protection Act (COPRA) of 2019 (originally enacted in 1986), cases filed with Redressal Commissions should be resolved within 90 days. Unfortunately, only a few meet this timeline.

For 56 percent of cases, it has taken more than 150 days to reach a decision, violating the very essence of COPRA, which advocates quick resolutions with minimal adjournments and without the need for lawyers.

The State Government's lack of prioritisation in protecting consumers is evident in the delay in filling vacancies in Consumer Forums. The State Commission currently lacks a President and 11 out of 34 District Forums are without Presidents. In Mysuru, the President of the Chamarajanagar Forum is serving in an officiating capacity.

Even after judgements are delivered, execution remains a significant challenge. Since the inception of Consumer Forums in 1989, there have been 4,559 execution requests in Karnataka, of which only 2,959 (65 percent) have been carried out.

Mysuru stats

In Mysuru, as of November 2024, 383 cases remain pending. These include 18 cases in the banking sector, 67 in insurance and 137 in the private housing sector. No cases are pending in telecom.

Other sectors like railways, airlines, postal services, government housing, electricity, medical services, household goods, education, road transport, and e-commerce have pending cases in single digits. What do these low numbers signify?

This could indicate either a lack of issues in these sectors or, more likely, a reluctance to file cases due to delays in resolution and the Civil Court-like adjudication process, which contradicts the spirit of COPRA.

Additionally, consumer awareness about COPRA remains low. Past surveys by MGP (Mysore Grahakara Parishat) revealed that less than 25 percent of people are aware of the Act.

Decline in consumer movement

This year marks a significant decline in consumer movement activities in Mysuru. For the first time in 30 years, no events have been held by consumer NGOs or the Food and Civil Supplies Department to observe National Consumer Day.

Even at the State-level, there has been no news of the Government commemorating the day, even in a symbolic manner. Thankfully, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs is observing the day by discussing ways to ensure effective execution of Consumer Commission orders and improve the justice delivery system.

Consumer rights have deep historical roots. In 1962, US President John F. Kennedy introduced a Bill to protect consumer rights, later championed by Ralph Nader, considered the Father of the Consumer Movement in the US.

In India, Chanakya's *Arthashastra* emphasised consumer rights, underscoring their historical significance. Unfortunately, despite this legacy, consumer rights in India are being sidelined, particularly in the era of increasing commercialisation.

Pre-occupied Schools

To revive the consumer movement, youth involvement is essential. Efforts by MGP to engage students from Schools and Colleges this year have been unsuccessful, as institutions are preoccupied with Annual Day celebrations and exams. Some have promised to organise Consumer Day events in January, and we hope they keep their word.

MGP also organised a meeting with Education Department officials, aiming to encourage schools to promote awareness of consumer rights. Hopefully, some schools will take the initiative to educate students on this critical issue.

On this National Consumer Day, I urge consumers to join consumer NGOs and actively participate in making consumers the true kings in the private sector and masters in the public sector. Together, we can build a robust and vibrant consumer movement in Mysuru.

Shree Mahalakshmi Sweets bags 'Trendsetter of the Industry' Award

***Shree Mahalakshmi Sweets Managing Director Nithin Shivakumar** (left) receiving 'Trendsetter of the Industry' Award from a dignitary at the 7th World Mithai and Namkeen Convention and Expo 2024 held at Yashobhoomi - India International Convention & Expo Centre, Sector 24, Dwarka, Delhi, on Dec. 18, in recognition of his trailblazing leadership, firm dedication, redefining excellence in Mithai and Namkeen industry and also for setting new standards of innovation and growth.*

Graduation Day and Annual Day

Mysuru, Dec. 24- The 16th Graduation Day of St. Maria Montessori, Kindergarten & Nursery Teacher Training Institute and Annual Day of Future Foundation Montessori School will be held at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (Dec. 25) from 3.30 pm.

Teacher, writer & Gamaka artiste Vani Subbaiah, Administrative Training Institute faculty Dr. J.R. Paramesha and Training Institute Course Director K.C. Roopa will be present, according to a press release.

MYSORE RACES 2024

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

SILVER SPRING

for P.M. Channabasavanna Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Dec. 24- Following are the selections for the 7th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Dec. 25, 2024:

1.	2.00 PM	**THE CHRISTMAS PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 2 Years (TERMS) *1. PARK WEST 2. MYSORE PHARAOH*
2.	2.30 PM	**THE SKYLINE PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. BREAK AWAY 2. NATURAL TORNADO*
3.	3.00 PM	**THE PANAJI PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. COUNTRY MAGIC 2. ANKUSH*
4.	3.30 PM	**THE MAURITIUS PEARL PLATE - DIV. II** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. STREET SENSE 2. AARADHANA*
5.	4.00 PM	**THE P.M. CHANNABASAVANNA MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. SILVER SPRING 2. HEROISM*
6.	4.30 PM	**THE MAURITIUS PEARL PLATE - DIV. I** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. ROADRUNNER 2. DAVIDS DELIGHT*
7.	5.00 PM	**THE KARKALA PLATE** 1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. SAINT EMILION 2. SHADOW'SAIM*

DAY'S BEST: *PARK WEST*
DOUBLE: *1. SILVER SPRING 2. ROADRUNNER*
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4, 5, 6, 7*
I TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*
EXACTAS: *1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC***

WORD OF THE DAY

Sublimate

Pronunciation: SUB-luh-mayt (verb).
Meaning: To sublimate something—such as an impulse, desire, or feeling—is to express it in a changed form that is socially acceptable. Sublimate can also mean "to pass directly from the solid to the vapour state."
Origin: To sublimate is to change the form, but not the essence. Physically speaking, a solid is said to sublimate when it transforms into a gas without first becoming liquid—a prime example being frozen carbon dioxide (dry ice) vaporizing at room temperature. To sublimate psychologically is to change the outlet, or means, of one's expression of desires and feelings from something unacceptable to something more culturally or socially acceptable. A person might sublimate feelings of grief following a disaster, for example, by devoting their time and energy to relief efforts. The word sublimate comes from the Latin verb sublimare, meaning "to elevate"; sublimare is also the ancestor of sublime. Sublimate itself once meant "to elevate to a place of dignity or honor" or "to give a more elevated character to," but these meanings are now obsolete.
Example: "You might think that because I am arguing that the happiest path is one in which we sublimate our true feelings and desires through greater self-control, I am advocating in effect for inauthenticity. But that's not my intention; rather, I am arguing for authentic self-improvement." — Arthur C. Brookes, The Atlantic, 2 May 202

THE ODD WORD

Samel

Underburnt.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Scraping the barrel

Meaning: Scraping the barrel is using or accepting something of inferior quality because all the better quality items have been used up.
Origin: Following a decline in usage in the late 20th century the expression 'scraping the barrel' has become popular again. This is no doubt because of the reviews of the numerous reality TV shows, which are ploughing thinner and thinner ground. Here in the UK no new show seems to get airtime unless it is 'The Great British...'. We were recently treated to The Great British Celebrity Bake-off Christmas Special – and if that's not scraping the bottom of the barrel I don't know what is. The barrel being referred to is a storage barrel and the scraping is the removal of the last dregs of the contents. The first uses of the expression refer to scraping the barrel as a means of getting the every last small piece, so as not to waste any.

QUOTE BOX

And now that you don't have to be perfect, you can be good.

— John Steinbeck

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

SLHIACPKE

Answer: Lick into shape.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Horse racing
5 Tartan skirt
9 Time To Stn.
12 Russian sea
13 Cake decorator
14 Cereal grass
15 Occupied
16 Wine science
18 Unavailing
20 Abu Dhabi locale
21 Comics cry
22 Related on the father's side
25 Former Thai currency - "cital" anagram?
28 Librarian's admonition
29 Small carpet
30 Animal foot
31 Pakistan Intl. Airlines
32 Central European river
33 Have or possess
34 Atlas entry
35 More cunning
36 Tennis legend ___ Nadal
38 Jamaican dance music
39 Any doctrine
40 Worked with wool
44 Friendliness
47 Hebridean island
48 Adam's mate
49 Mother of Zeus
50 Chief Norse deity
51 Father colloquially and commonly speaking
52 Centre of egg
53 Knob on root or branch

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	H	A	T	■	D	O	C	■	P	S	S	T
M	A	C	A	R	O	N	I	■	R	A	H	U
E	C	H	O	■	S	I	T	T	I	G	H	T
S	K	E	I	N	■	O	Y	E	Z	■	■	■
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R	A	Z	Z	■	E	■	W	H	I	S	K	■
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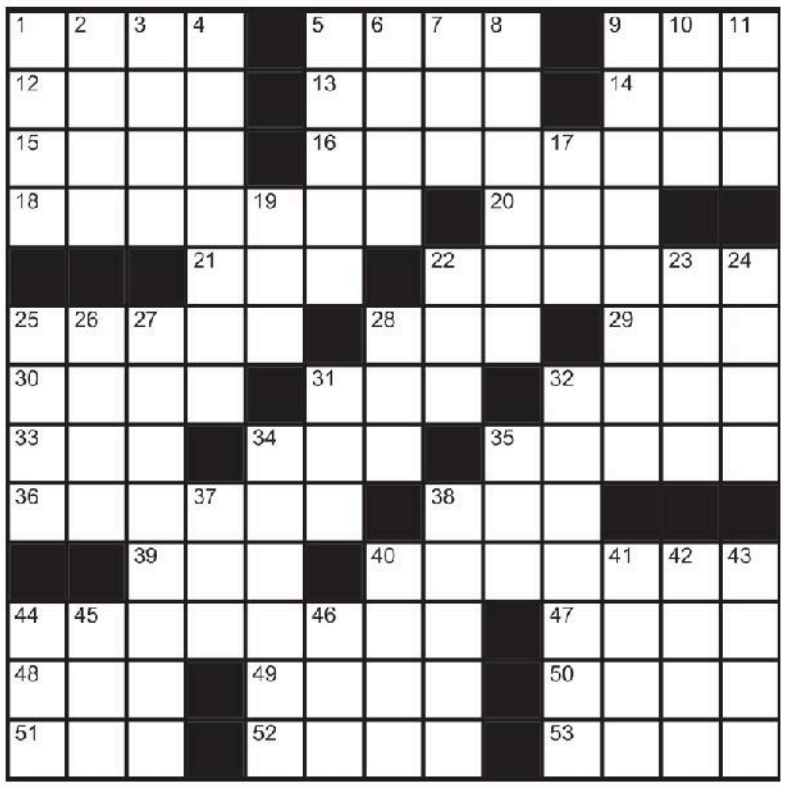
DOWN

1 No-no!
2 Extinct ox
3 Burn to ground; destroy or demolish completely
4 Blank page at the front of a book
5 Refreshment booth
6 Frozen treats
7 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton
8 Manger
9 Quite a bit before time? (3,5)
10 Touching a player in a game?
11 A filthy place or abode; pigpen
17 Local Area Network, abbr.
19 Long fish
22 Puzzle solver's cry
23 Long hollow cylinder
24 Hungarian city
25 Norse thunder-god
26 U.S. state with Des Moines as its capital
27 Limited or cramped?
28 Tiny drink
31 Buddy
32 Happiness or joy
34 M in RAM or ROM
35 Item of snowsport footwear
37 Powdery residue
38 Go furtively
40 "Like" change for a famous German canal?
41 Commotion (2-2)
42 Author __ Blyton
43 Copenhagen is a capital place for him?
44 Place to sleep
45 The female reproductive cells of mammals
46 Electrical conductance unit



SUDOKU

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			3		4			
	6	5			3	1		
1			6		8			9
		3	5			7	6	
			7		2			
	5					6		
3		7			5		2	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	3	2	6	7	8	4	5	1
5	8	6	3	1	4	7	9	2
1	4	7	2	5	9	3	6	8
6	7	9	8	2	3	5	1	4
2	5	3	7	4	1	6	8	9
4	1	8	9	6	5	2	7	3
8	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	6
7	9	1	4	3	6	8	2	5
3	6	5	1	8	2	9	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TUHL GTK AXCHF MY QXVIXYKF XL MFMXGY,

GTK XGTKC TUHL XL IKXIHK QHKBKC KEXJZT GX

GUWK MEFKQKEG UFBUEGUZK XL GTKV.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Be everywhere, do everything, and never fail to astonish the customer.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  UI - 2024 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  UI - 2024 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Bhairathi Ranagal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Lucky Bhaskara (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Viduthalai Part - 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

UI - 2024 (K)	(S-1)	9.30 am; (S-2) 9 am
	(S-4)	8.30 am, 11.10 am, 1.50 pm
		4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.10 pm, 2.35 pm, 5 pm, 7.25 pm
Marco (Ma)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	(S-2)	12.05 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	(S-3)	12.15 pm, 6.10 pm
Viduthalai - Part 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	3.55 pm, 10.05 pm
Vanvaas (H)	(S-2)	7 pm
ED - Extra Decent (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 am
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Bachhala Malli (Te)	(S-3)	10.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 12.15 pm, 2.35 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.50 pm
UI - 2024 (K)	:	9.55 am, 11.05 am, 12.30 pm
		1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 6.45 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	11.05 am, 2.45 pm
Viduthalai - Part 2 (Ta)	:	6.25 pm, 9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	8.45 am, 11.30 am, 2.15 pm
		5 pm, 7.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Viduthalai - Part (Ta)	:	9.15 am, 12.20 pm
		6.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	9.30 am, 10.10 pm
UI - 2024 (K)	:	9.30 am, 10.10 am, 1 pm
		3.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 6.40 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.25 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	10 am, 2 pm, 10 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	12.40 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	6 pm
Vanvaas (H)	:	12.25 pm, 7.10 pm
Bachhala Malli (Te-2D)	:	3.45 pm
Vidudala - Part (Te)	:	3.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

UI - 2024 (K)	:	9 am, 10.20 am, 11.50 am
		1.10 pm, 4.55 pm, 6.40 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Viduthalai - Part 2 (Ta)	:	9.25 am, 4 pm, 6.20 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	10.10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	12.55 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	2.40 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	10.15 pm
ED - Extra Decent (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

UI - 2024 (K)	:	9.55 am, 11 am, 1.50 pm
		4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	10.10 am, 6.10 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	2.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-2D)	:	4.10 pm
Viduthalai - Part (Ta)	:	12.45 pm 4.20 pm, 10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	6.55 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Viduthalai - Part - 2 (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 12.35 pm, 6.50 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	9.45 am, 12.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (H-2D)	:	4.10 pm
UI - 2024 (K)	:	9.45 am, 10.55 am, 1 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Bachhala Malli (Te)	:	1.45 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	3.15 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	10.20 pm
Rifle Club (Ma)	:	4.45 pm, 7.25 pm
Vanvaas (H)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 24)

- **Gruha Shobhe:** Living Style Exhibition and Cake Show from Dolphin Bakers, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **up to 9 pm;** Cultural programmes - Fusion Music by Shadaj Godkhindi (flute) and Apoorva Krishna (violin) and troupe, **6 pm;** Hindustani Classical Music by Siddhartha Belmannu, and 'Dasavani Chitrana' by artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat, **7 pm;** Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan and her disciples from Champaka Academy will present 'Shri Krishna Leela Vibhuti,' a thematic dance-drama written by Padma Bhushan Dr. D.V. Gundappa, Palace premises, **8 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill:** 25th Year Dhwajarohana Mahotsava, Deeparadhana, Pallivetta, Attazha Puja, Sree Bhoota Bali, Velaku, Prasada Viniyoga, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, cultural programmes, dance programme by Chandru of Dance Studio, **6 pm;** Musical Nite, P. Kalingarao Rangamantapa, Exhibition Grounds, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 25)

- **Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill:** 25th Year Dhwajarohana Mahotsava, Maha Ganapathi Homa, Usha Puja Seeveli - Utsava with vadyam Navagam Panchagavyam Abhisheka to Lord Ayyappa, Navagam Panchagavyam to Lord Subramanyaswamy and Sri Bhuvaneshwari, Ucha Puja, **5.30 am to 12 noon;** Maha Annadanam, **12.30 pm to 3 pm;** Deeparadhana, Yatre Bali, Yatre Homa, Outside Procession with vadyam, Deeparadhana & Arattu Procession with Thalapoli Arattu Puja, Kodierakkal (Folding of Flag), Bursting of Crackers, Attazha Puja, Kalasabhishekam, Seeveli, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **4 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **10 am to 9 pm;** Cultural programmes - Classical Music by Nahar Gurudatta and troupe, **5.45 pm to 6.30 pm;** Karnatak Classical Flute Duet by Sangeetha Vidwan Dr. C.A. Sridhar and his son and disciple Vid. C.S. Keshav Chandra and troupe, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm;** 'Sangeetha Yaana' by *Zee Kannada* reality show singers Darshan Narayan, Aishwarya Rangarajan, Sunil Gujagond, Vasushree Halemane, Jnana Gururaj and troupe, Palace premises, **7.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Jyotirvijnana Samshodhana Kendra:** Certificate distribution ceremony, Dr. Sri Shanta Mallikarjuna Swamiji of Salur Mutt graces the occasion, Karnataka State Sanskrit University retd. VC Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh inaugurates, Tumkur University retd. VC Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda distributes certificates, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath chief guest, Aradhya Mahasabha President P. Nagabhushanaradhya will be present, Bharatiya Jyotirvijnana Samshodhana Kendra President Siddanti K.G. Puttahonnaiah presides, Aradhya Mahasabha, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Living Style Exhibition and Cake Show from Dolphin Bakers, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **The Orchids Educational Institutions, Mysuru:** Rhythm of Life, Karnataka Janapada Academy President Padma Shri Manjamma Jogati chief guest, folk artiste Amma Ramachandra guest of honour, The Orchids Educational Institutions Chairperson Ullas Pandit and CEO Yeshoda Pandit will be present, Kalamandira, **1 pm.**
- **St. Maria Montessori, Kindergarten & Nursery Teacher Training Institute and Future Foundation Montessori School:** 16th Graduation Day of the Training Institute and Annual Day of the Montessori School, teacher writer & Gamaka artiste Vani Subbaiah, Administrative Training Institute faculty Dr. J.R. Paramesha and Training Institute Course Director K.C. Roopa will be present, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **3.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, cultural programmes, Bharatanatyam by Maitreya Lalitakala Academy troupe, **6.30 pm;** Dance programme by Zeenath Begum and Srikanteshwara Educational Institutions students, **7 pm;** Western dance by Rohith of Urban Dance Company, **7.15 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Natya Swaranjali troupe, **7.30 pm;** 'Nritya Vaibhava' programme by S. Sunitha of Chidambara Natesha Natyashale, P. Kalingarao Rangamantapa, Exhibition Grounds, **8.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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- **Niranthara Foundation, Kannada and Culture Directorate, Bengaluru, Ministry of Culture, Government of India:** Niranthra Ranga Ustava-2024 (theatre festival), one-woman show 'Nirmadala Hoovinondige' by actor Indira Nair (Samathentho), directed by Sripad Bhat, Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**

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